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SUBJECT: DELAY IN RECEIVING CLEARANCE FOR ITT PRIVATE FLIGHT

REF: STATE 201074

1. IN CONNECTION REFTEL, MASUD QODSI, DIRECTOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF IRAN'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION TOLD EMBOFF THAT PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL ARE CORRECT. HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT ITT'S INITIAL REQUEST DID NOT INCLUDE PURPOSE OF FLIGHT WHICH RESULTED IN DELAY AND HE ALSO NOTED THAT DISTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS IN IRAN CAUSES FURTHER DELAYS.

2. QODSI TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE TO EMBOFF THAT IRAN AIR (WHICH IS ACTUAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCES) IS GENERALLY MORE RECEPTIVE WHEN APPROVAL REQUESTED THROUGH QUOTE OFFICIAL UNQUOTE CHANNELS, SUCH AS EMBASSY. QODSI NOTED THAT IRAN AIR LIKES TO ASSURE THAT EMBASSY OR U.S. AIR AUTHORITIES KNOW OF APPROVALS IN INTEREST OF GAINING RECIPROCITY WHEN NECESSARY. QODSI ALSO NOTED THAT FILING FOR APPROVAL THROUGH EMBASSY USUALLY ALLEVIATES PROBLEM OF COMMERCIAL CABLE DISTRIBUTION (THOUGH EMBASSY SUBJECT TO SAME DELAYS IN COMMERCIAL CABLE ARRIVING FROM U.S.).

3. EMBOFF'S EXPERIENCE IN SEEKING FLIGHT CLEARANCE APPROVAL FOR REQUESTS FILED THROUGH EMBASSY IS THAT CIVIL AVIATION RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLIES GENERALLY ARE AT LAST MINUTE AND USUALLY REQUIRE FOLLOW-

UP AFTER SUBMITTING REQUEST. WHILE DO NOT WANT TO RECOMMEND THAT ALL PRIVATE FLIGHT APPROVALS BE FILED FOR THROUGH THIS EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE TO AOPA THAT IN INSTANCES WHEN IT APPEARS THERE IS DIFFICULTY OR WHEN TIME IS GETTING SHORT, AOPA MAY WANT TO REQUEST EMBASSY TO FOLLOW D ON INITIAL REQUEST. ALSO PLEASE NOTE TO AOPA THAT INITIAL REQUEST MUST BE COMPLETE AND EARLY FILING WITH FOLLOW THROUGH GENERALEY NECESSARY.

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